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## Absentee voting on wet-dry issue starts

### Local option question to be decided by W.L. voters on January 22

By Earl W. Kinner  
County Clerk Randy Williams advised this week that West Liberty voters who wish to participate in the city's local option referendum and who plan to be out town on the day of the election (Tuesday, Jan. 22) may cast their votes ahead of time in the County Clerk's Office.

Williams said absentee votes may be cast in the Clerk's office in the County Office Building on Prestonsburg Street anytime during normal office hours through Saturday, Jan. 19. (The office will be closed Monday, Jan. 21 (the day before the election) for the Martin Luther King holiday.

Other voters who wish to participate in the referendum but who are not physically able to get to the polls should apply to his office to have absentee ballots mailed to them, Williams said.

Only those registered voters who reside inside the West Liberty city limits in Wards 1, 2, 3, and the Index voting precinct are eligible to participate.

"Otherwise, the local option election is no different than any other election — all election laws apply," Williams noted. Polling places for Wards 1 and 2 will be located in the old Boneal factory building now occupied by West Liberty Elementary School at Index. The Ward 3 and Index polling places will be located in the Morgan County High School gym.

Polls will open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 6:00 p.m.

Williams said 1,136 voters are eligible to vote in the referendum. The number of eligible voters residing within the city limits are, by precinct: Ward 1, 319; Ward 2, 524; Ward 3, 262; Index, 31.

## FEAT's annual Morgan Co. mtg. is slated Jan. 15

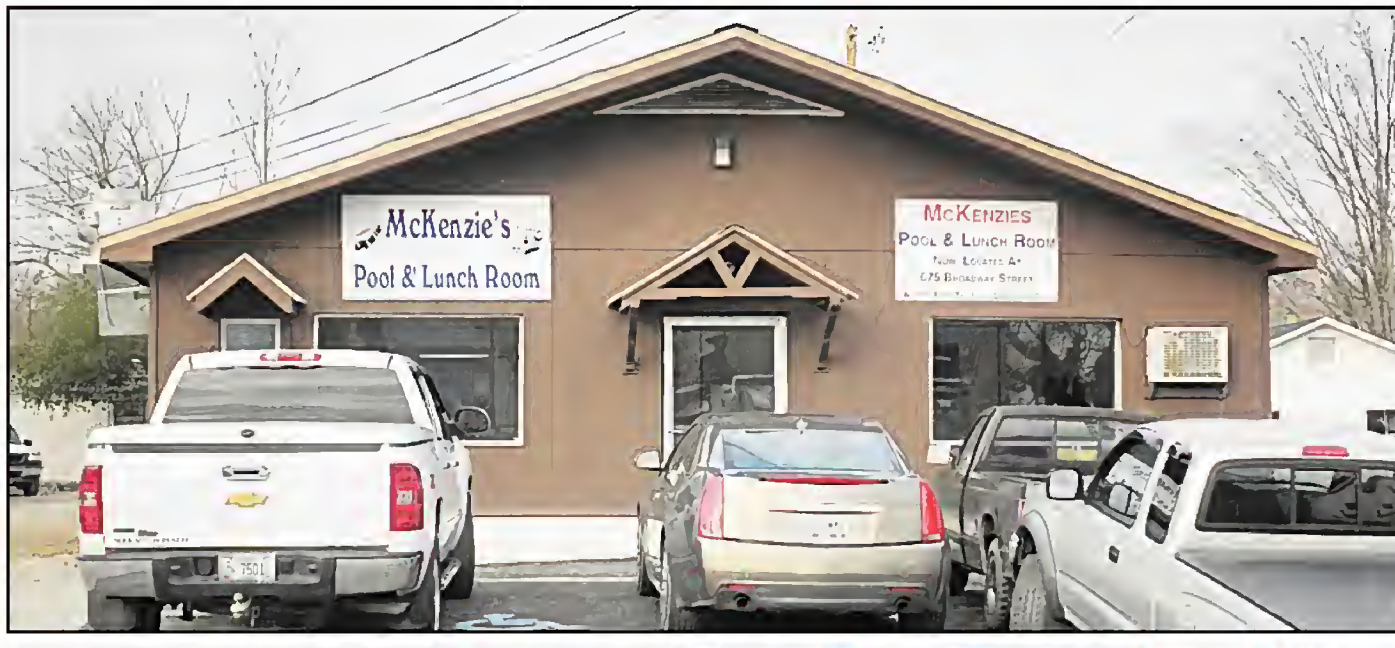
Foothills Eco-Agri Tourism (FEAT) will hold its annual meeting for the Morgan County group 6 p.m. Jan. 15, in the upstairs council room at City Hall. All members are encouraged to attend. New businesses are welcome to network with all members in Morgan, Elliott, Wolfe, Carter and Menifee counties. The agenda includes discussion of the conference that is scheduled for July, the bus tour and upcoming classes. Contact Eddie for more info 495 5505 or 743 1242.

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**Local Woman Makes Commemorative Tornado Quilt**  
Mrs. Josephine O'Neal with the large quilt she made featuring historic photographs showing the damage from the March 2012 tornado that devastated West Liberty. See story on page 2.

## McKenzie's Pool & Lunch Room Now Open In New Permanent Location



McKenzie's Pool & Lunchroom opened on Monday, Jan. 7, in a new permanent location at 675 Broadway St. The establishment is located past Rite Aid and across from Broadway First Church of God. Owner Donnie McKenzie, pictured at right, said the newly-renovated building has a pool room with new pool tables and card tables, and a separate dining area with plenty of seating. There is also a pickup window for call-in orders. Business hours are 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday, though the pool room will close at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays before the weekly prayer meeting at Broadway First Church of God. Come on in and see Donnie for breakfast or lunch, and have one of his fish sandwiches! For more information call 743-3832.



## Ministerial Assn. hosts vote forum

### Church members publicly oppose the sale of alcohol in W.L.

By Miranda M. Cantrell  
The Morgan County Ministerial Association hosted approximately 65 citizens who voiced concerns regarding the upcoming wet/dry vote during a Jan. 5 public forum at Broadway First Church of God. The event was moderated by Ministerial Association President David Hinton, who declared the solidarity of local pastors in their opposition to alcohol sales within West Liberty city limits. "Some people say we are fighting a hopeless battle," Hinton said. "It won't be easy, but I feel we need to stand together as God's people. This issue will affect everyone in some way or another."

The petition for the local option election — scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 22 — garnered considerable support with well over the minimum of 80 signatures required to place the issue on the ballot.

As envisioned by the city council, the sale of hard liquor, wine and beer by the drink would be restricted by ordinance to eating establishments which derive most of their gross receipts from food sales.

West Liberty would qualify for an unlimited number of retail beer licenses authorizing package sales by qualified groceries, convenience stores, gas stations, etc. And because state

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## School board approves safety measures

Members also grant raises and approve Barnett's contract

By Miranda M. Cantrell  
The Morgan County Board of Education during a Dec. 27 special meeting approved several security measures for schools in the wake of the recent Connecticut school shooting incident. School board members OK'd the purchase and/or construction of the following items:

- Metal detectors for Morgan County High School and Morgan County Middle School. Approve soliciting bids for high performance walk-through multi-zone metal detectors. Passed with a motion by Ralph Smith and a second by Esther Cain.

- Vote — unanimous yes.
- Two hand-held metal detector wands for each district elementary school. Passed with a motion by Esther Cain and a

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# Forum ...

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Alcoholic Beverage Control laws put a limit on the number of package liquor stores a city can have, West Liberty would qualify for one package store selling liquor, wine and beer for off-premises consumption.

Local Operation UNITE Chairperson Sharon Tharp presented several statistics regarding alcohol-related deaths and mishaps before turning the podium over to West Liberty Christian Church member Lynn Nickell, who voiced his opposition to the election.

"One hundred and nineteen people signed this petition," Nickell said. "But there has been very little talk about this election, and that is when things start getting dangerous. There are 10 churches within city limits, and I hope their members will commit to getting out the dry vote."

"Voting to go wet would open a Pandora's box, because we don't know what might happen. I feel we need to vote no to alcohol sales to avoid possibly getting into a mess that we don't want in the future."

West Liberty Christian Church Pastor Paul Casteel introduced City Councilman Mark Walter, a member of West Liberty United Methodist Church, who fielded several questions regarding city officials' perceived involvement with the petition process.

"An unnamed person approached the mayor about the issue," Walter said. "This petition did not generate from the city council, which favored a 'moist,' rather than 'wet,' status. We did not want wide-open alcohol sales, but the petition wasn't filed to reflect that."

Pastor Casteel questioned Walter about the city's financial status following the 2012 tornado, which many "wet" supporters have cited as a reason to consider alcohol sales.

"There has been a loss of city taxes," Walter said. "We've lost businesses and gas and water service customers, but it was never mentioned that these problems should be fixed by going wet."

"We must deal with whatever happens as a result of this election. If the city goes wet, officials need to be stern about the

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enforcement of alcohol-related laws. Certainly West Liberty has a 'hometown' image, and we want to keep it that way."

Walter noted that if citizens voted in favor of alcohol sales, the city's 'wet' status would be effective 60 days after election certification. Restrictions regarding the proximity of alcohol-selling establishments to churches, schools, etc. would be set by the Kentucky Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Several audience members expressed concerns about alcohol-related fatalities should the city go wet.

"Everyone in West Liberty has family members and friends who travel our roads," one forum participant said. "Many of us have children and grandchildren. What if the city goes wet? People could lose a loved one in an alcohol-related accident due to their own vote."

Other participants expressed concern that city alcohol sales could lead to a county-wide wet/dry petition, and that revenue increases may not adequately counterbalance associated law enforcement, jail and court costs.

Pastor Casteel concurred. "Everyone should consider all the long-term effects of alcohol sales," Casteel said. "Will it really benefit us? We can either work to rebuild and better this beautiful community... Or we can throw it away."

The Ministerial Association will host a pre-election prayer meeting 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at Index Community Church. The public is invited to attend.

# - Ashes To Ashes -

**By Linda Oakley**

An old year has died and a new year begun. Out with the old, in with the new. That somehow got me to thinking about funerals. Don't ask me why; that is just the way my mind works.

At this point in my life, I have attended a lot of funerals. When I think about it, there is an evolution that occurs in how we feel about them. As kids, we don't understand the whole thing, other than to know we had to wear itchy clothes and behave, until after we heard "ashes to ashes and dust to dust" spoken by the preacher at the cemetery.

I'm sure we have all heard the story of the little boy who, after returning home from a funeral, was looking under his bed and saw all the dust-bunnies. He ran to his mother and said "Come quick Mom, there's somebody under my bed and they're either coming or going!" Kids have a way of taking things literally.

Mostly what I remember from attending funerals in my childhood is running around playing with my cousins, and a lot of relatives pinching my cheeks. Great-Granddaddy was there, but he was sleeping. That was no different than usual only he was asleep in a big box instead of the porch swing. I also learned how fast my mother could jerk me from one spot to another after seeing me, standing on tiptoe, trying to wake him up to show him where I lost my tooth.

"What are you doing?!" she said.

"I'm trying to wake him up," I replied.

I had rarely seen him in my short life and he looked the same as he always did to me. The fact is, I don't know if I ever did see Great-Granddaddy with his eyes open, except for one Thanksgiving when he flipped me hard on the head with his finger, and he told me to sit up straight and get my elbows off the table.

"You can't wake him up, he's passed over," she said.

"So, Billy Brown was passed over for second grade and you said it was probably a good thing," I said. "Besides, he didn't sleep all the time, he was just lazy."

I seem to remember getting one of those looks that only a mother can give and deciding I needed to go let somebody pinch my cheeks. After riding to the cemetery in a line of cars with little flags on them and hearing the preachers last words, we would go to someone's house where there was more food than I ever imagined could be piled on a table short of a church picnic.

Somewhere in grade school I reached an age to realize that death was scary. Having attended my share of Saturday matinees I was well aware of how zombies came out of graves and skeletons rattled around in dark haunted houses. When I see an old rerun of one of these movies now they are comical but back then Invasion of The Body Snatchers and The Horror of Dracula were enough to give me nightmares for weeks. Funerals went from food and fun to being something frightful. I was afraid of dying and broached the subject with my dad one Sunday afternoon. He usually read me the funnies and then he would stretch out for a nap.

"I don't want to die," I remember telling him.

He put his big arms around me and enveloped me with a hug and said, "That's something you won't have to worry about for a long, long time, honey."

That seems like only yesterday, but as I write this, I realize it has been the long, long time ago that he soothed my young mind with back then.

Somewhere about the time I was in my early teens, I realized that it's not always old people that die. Sometimes they are your friends who are having fun riding in a car or swimming in an abandoned gravel pit. Oddly, that realization doesn't really deter you from going ahead and doing the same stupid things. In some strange way it only makes you feel more alive when

as we become old and faith makes it not so scary. Many years ago I wiped the dust off the guide book and started to read it and found out that you really can get out of here alive if you follow the instructions.

Now I don't want anyone to think that I'm planning on checking out anytime soon, because I'm not. I still have a lot of things I want to do and besides, it's only been in the last few years that I have discovered what is really important in life and not to worry about the insignificant things. My goal used to be to be a senior citizen but now that I am one, my goal is to be a really old senior citizen. I think everyone should have goals.

Well, anyway, I have come full circle, I'm kind of like I was in first grade, and not really scared of the whole event. I'm still holding out for the Hollywood version though where I hover over everybody until I hear ashes to ashes and dust to dust and then I float off toward the light. Or maybe hang out under somebody's bed for awhile before I leave. I always loved playing under the bed when I was a kid.

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Ohio man is accused of home invasion, taking video of women

Morgan County Sheriff's Department officials arrested an Ohio man on Friday, Jan. 4, on a variety of charges that stemmed from a home invasion and peeping tom complaints in the Malone area.

Authorities said Gerald Slough, 37, of Monroe, Ohio, allegedly on Jan. 2 forced his way into a Malone residence occupied by a 14-year-old female, who threw hot soup in Slough's face.

Slough reportedly fled from the scene.

Sheriff Mickey Whitt responded to the call but was unable to locate anyone in the area, where a peeping tom was also recently reported.

Deputy Anthony Gullett on Jan. 4 arrested Slough, who was identified as the home invasion perpetrator as well as the peep-



**Gerald Slough**

ing tom.

Gullett also seized electronic evidence that indicated Slough had taken video of females through windows.

Slough was charged with burglary (second degree), criminal trespassing (two counts) and indecent exposure (two counts).

Slough is currently lodged at the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center in Paintsville.

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## USPS vows to accelerate cutbacks in mail service

Jan. 3 — The U.S. Postal Service warned today that it will consider “a range of accelerated cost cutting and revenue generating measures” because Congress has not passed a bill to help the service get back in the black. That could create more pressure to end Saturday home delivery, take other measures that could cause trouble for rural newspapers, and revive plans to close post offices.

Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe issued a statement, saying in part, “We are on an unsustainable financial path. We are currently losing \$25 million per day, we have defaulted on \$11.1 billion in Treasury payments and exhausted our borrowing authority. The Postal Service should not have to do business this way, which has undermined the confidence of our customer base and the

## Local students invited to share success stories in video contest

Forward in the Fifth is asking middle and high school students in Morgan County to speak out about what’s going on in their schools to advance and promote education in Southern and Eastern Kentucky in a new regional video contest.

The contest is part of a newly launched Forward in the Fifth initiative presented in partnership with Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative and the University of Pikeville to encourage students to share their own personal success stories about education and schools in the region by creating a 90-second or less student-produced video.

“Schools and communities must promote, celebrate, and share the positive impacts they are making daily in the lives of their students and staff,” said Jim Tackett, executive director of Forward in the Fifth, a nonprofit organization and affiliate of The Center for Rural Development in Somerset.

“What better way to do this than by telling these stories through young people and the emerging technology we now have?”

Sixty-three public school districts in 45 Kentucky counties within Forward in the Fifth’s primary service area have been invited to participate in the contest and lend their

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Thank you,  
 Darby Franklin  
 Morgan County PVA

## Letters

### LEGALIZING ALCOHOL A BAD IDEA

Concerning the wet-dry election, put this in the paper. Since West Liberty was destroyed by a tornado only nine months ago and not one life was taken in town that evening and many people were praying to God and thanking God for His protecting hand, I think it is a “slap to His face” for even proposing this idea! And what’s even worse, in my opinion, is the churchgoers names on the petition! Shame on you. I lived with a drunk for 15 years. It is an awful life. Nothing good comes from alcohol.

Kimberly Smith Bolin

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

I am almost 80 years old and I don’t claim to be very smart, but I do know one thing...the only good thing alcohol will do is kill germs.

I have seen and heard of a lot of trouble alcohol can do for people. I have heard of people being so drunk they could not drive safe and people would be killed in an alcohol related accident. I have heard of homes being torn apart by divorce because of alcohol. I have heard of good friends fighting because they were drunk and someone getting hurt real bad or killed. I have heard of little children not having enough to eat because fathers and mothers had spent their money for alcohol. Alcohol can kill people too.

I could go on and on but you good people know all the bad things alcohol can do and a lot of the bad things start out with social drinking, and I just know one thing alcohol can do good and that is kill germs.

So Momma Conley is begging you good people in our little town of West Liberty to get out and vote to keep West Liberty dry--so we can have a good place for our families to live and go to pay our bills and get the things we need from town.

Just suppose you voters in West Liberty voted for the town to go wet. Then a drunk driver was driving down the road and hit another car and some of your family members were killed in that car...a mom or a dad...a child or a sweet little grandchild...just like that their lives were taken away. It happens. How could you live with the thought that you had done that? Please think about that before you vote. God bless you all. I’m hoping you’ll do the right thing.

Momma Essie Conley  
West Liberty, Ky.

### ORANGE BUTTERFLIES

Dear Editor,

The upcoming wet/dry vote with the out of season hatching of “no alc” orange butterflies scattered throughout our community reminds me of a similar discussion held a long, long time ago in a not so faraway galaxy—I mean the community of Helechawa.

That’s where my grandfather, the Rev. Frank Press Wilson, lived and preached. A neighbor asked “Frank Press” his view of alcohol consumption, to which my grandfather replied, “Son, it’s not what goes into your mouth that condemns you, but it’s what comes out.”

To a nine year old boy, my grandfather was steam and old (age 92 when he died in 1955). But the family story of him baptizing the man who had shot and killed my grandfather’s brother, at least to me, showed his metal. The man didn’t drown.

Enough said!  
Ed Keeton  
West Liberty, Ky.

## Give Thanks By Voting For Alcohol?

By W. Lynn Nickell

A few Sunday evenings ago, I took a picture of a sunset over Wells Hill, as seen from Riverside Drive. It was quite a contrast to arch 2, 2012. The EF 3 tornado that virtually destroyed our town came over the same hill shown in the photograph. We were and are so thankful that no one was killed in town. (There was one death — Dr. C. C. Smith — in the city limits a few days later as a result of the tornado). In the immediate aftermath, we were thanking God among each other and in our churches. People, town and country, came together as never before to help one another. Government groups, volunteers, church groups from states all around us and enthusiastic youth groups cleaned up out town, cut trees and carried off debris, and helped us rebuild. They came to help people they didn’t know because it was the Christian thing to do, to help those that needed help. Churches we never heard of donated thousands of dollars to our churches to help them rebuild.

Our town has come together as never before. It is building back, people have new homes and have repaired their storm-damaged homes and are beginning to get back to normal. We have discovered friends we never knew we had.

Grant what I write is one man’s opinion. It is my opinion that now is not the time to enter into a local option election, but the “die has been cast.” People have strong feelings about the sale of alcoholic beverages in our town and whether it would help or hurt our community. Where there was harmony, there could be strong disagreement over the issue. Once again we will hear the old arguments that came up in times past: “The town can’t grow unless it votes wet, or big fine restaurants will not come to our town unless it is wet, or a factory will not come to town unless it is wet because top executives will not come to such a backward little town and towns around us are wet so we might as well be also.” I really haven’t noticed many fine restaurants coming into the counties surrounding us that have voted wet with the exception of Morehead. Being wet, I don’t think, had anything to do with Cracker Barrel coming to Morehead, as they don’t sell alcoholic beverages. But Morehead does have Mexican restaurants that serve beer. If you remember, we had a Mexican restaurant ready to open just days before March 2. It didn’t matter to them whether we were wet or dry.

It is ironic that we have to use the head count of 1,700 inmates in Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex to classify as a 4th class city. How can this be? The only way West Liberty could have a local option election is to be classified as a 4th class city. Classes of cities are based on population. According to the 2010 census, West Liberty had a population of 3,435. This includes the inmates. If my math is correct (Raymond Benton said I was never very good at math, and he was right) that leaves 1,735 as the population of West Liberty beyond the prison’s walls, far short of the 3,000 required to be a 4th class

city. Whether the inmates are citizens of West Liberty has been debated before. As of now, they are considered citizens of West Liberty.

You know we have almost more citizens in prison than we do outside prison! According to the demographics of West Liberty in 2010, we are very diversified. Did you know that we have 2,752 whites, 582 blacks, 11 American Indians, 36 Asians five Asian Indians, 10 Chinese, 17 Filipino, three Vietnamese and various other mixed races that make up our population?

This prison count is a two-edged sword. It is true that a 4th class city has a better chance of receiving government grants and aid that a 5th class city. A 4th class city also is entitled to more government funds for schools, roads, etc. So we have benefited in some ways from counting the inmates as part of our population and it is unfortunate, in my opinion, that this prison count entitles us to have a local option election also. We are going to let 1,700 inmates that are not allowed to vote dictate to us as to whether we vote dry or for alcohol.

The City and County are obtaining monies for tornado relief from federal and state agencies, various business organizations, through grants and loans, the like of which we have never seen. City and County government are working in harmony. Insurance for government buildings has been settled and the new judicial building is already in the process of being rebuilt, as is the county government building (the old high school building). City Hall has been completely renovated and Main Street is a beehive of activity with buildings being constructed and repaired. A building close to my heart is the old courthouse building and repairs will begin on it after the first of the year. It will be completely renovated. The Commercial Bank building is in the process of being razed to rebuild, and the Bank of the Mountains is in the process of being repaired and has already rebuilt part of their complex on Court Street. A new city garage, part of the Judicial Building complex, has been funded and will be built to serve the city. Citizens Bank, on the corner of Broadway and Prestonsburg, is almost finished and a new

Marathon Service Center is now in operation. The Methodist and Christian churches are both going to rebuild on their respective lots and construction will be underway in a couple of months. Randy Williams is ready to build a new building at the north end of town. McKenzie’s Pool Room will soon move into renovated quarters on Broadway and Pack’s Discount Tobacco’s new building is almost ready for occupancy. The Jerry Lykins building is being repaired as well as Dr. Bailey’s dental office, and many more. You will have to “hold onto your hats” in March but it won’t be because of the March wind, it will be from the wave of activity in town! We’re going to have a model town that we can all be proud of as we once were.

We are coming back better than ever without the sale of alcohol. West Liberty is being watched by people throughout the state and nation. We hear nothing but positive reporting how we are working together and helping ourselves build back.

I wrote this letter because this is the way I feel. I have been a resident of West Liberty most all my life. I was away from West Liberty for a couple of years while I taught school. Then, too, I left West Liberty on Christmas Day 1951 for the Air Force and was away for four years at that time. But in my heart West Liberty was always where I wanted to be. And if there was any way possible for me to come back to my hometown I would. I am an old man, according to the younger generation, and I am reluctant to change. That is true. Older man or not, I do love this town and want what I feel is best for it. I realize some will take offense to this letter, but if they are offended, so be it. I will not be offended at anyone that takes a different stand than me. We each have a right to speak our mind. If you feel as I do, you can’t just wish the city stays dry, you have to go vote.

Emergency crews and those that have been in war zones couldn’t understand why there weren’t at least a hundred people or so killed in West Liberty as a result of the tornado on March 2. How many times did you hear someone say, “The Good Lord was watching over us.” Let’s don’t give thanks by voting for alcoholic beverages.

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# Area Deaths

## Hershell D. Adkins

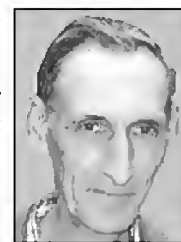
Hershell Dean Adkins, age 65, of East River Road, West Liberty, Ky., passed away Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013, at his home after an illness.

He was born Oct. 12, 1947, in West Liberty, Ky., son of the late William Henry and Dora Nickell Adkins.

Besides his parents, one infant brother, Homer Adkins; sister, Ruie Adkins; brother-in-law, Albert Jay Wingo; half-brother, James Adkins; and four half-sisters, Jean Allen, Della Mae Long, Rosa Lee Adkins and Myrtle Adkins preceded him in death.

Hershell accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior. He was a former Morgan County school bus driver and served in the U.S. Army. He was also was a local farmer who enjoyed raising cattle and horses, and driving his farming equipment.

Survivors include four sisters, Honna and Ronnie Cole, of Ezel, Ky., Ruby Wingo, of



West Liberty, Ky., Anna Mae and James Leach, of Mt. Sterling, Ky., and Ruth and Jim Waugh of Cecilia, Ky.; one brother, Woodrow "Pete" and Kay Adkins, of West Liberty, Ky.; one half-sister, Ada Gray Montgomery, of Salyersville, Ky.; special caregivers, Judy and Ben Elam; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends to mourn his passing.

Funeral services were conducted 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at Herald & Stewart & Halsey Chapel with Elder Roy Collett, Bro. Mike Lindon, Bro. Harry Flannery officiating. Burial followed in the Adkins Cemetery, West Liberty, Ky., with Herald & Stewart & Halsey Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Military graveside rites were conducted by the Morgan County D.A.V. Chapter #132.

Honorary pallbearers Jack Elam, Stanley Franklin, Donnie Lykins and Kiser Elam.

Active pallbearers were Ronald Cole, Bruce Wingo, Steve Wingo, Terry Leach, Tom Leach, Tim Leach, David Waugh, Doug Waugh, Henry Adkins and Hager Adkins.

## Julian Dale Lewis

Julian Dale Lewis, Fayetteville, WV, formerly of Morgan Co., KY, passed away Friday, Jan. 4, 2013, at Plateau Medical Center, in Oak Hill, WV.

He was born May 26, 1932, at Malone, KY, son of the late Erandon and Frances Elam Lewis.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Peggy Lewis, of Fayetteville, WV; one son, James Lewis, of Cedar Lake, IN; four daughters, Jackie Mayocho, of Demotte, IN, Janell Pustaver,



of Grand Island, FL, Jennifer Burton, of Crown Point, IN, Julie Fisher, of Chicago, IL; two step sons, Joseph Combs, of WV., and Charles Combs, of IN; 13 grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; one brother, Robert and Reta Faye Lewis, of West Liberty, KY; and one sister, Shirley Heise, of Louisville, KY; one nephew; and nine nieces.

Funeral services were conducted 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, at Potter Funeral Home Chapel. Burial to follow in the Elam Cemetery, Lacy Creek, KY, with Potter Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Earl Ray Sheets, Ray Pennington, Eldon Lewis, Richard Williams, Tommy Conley, Eric Conley, Curtis Miller and Matt Fisher.

## Mervel D. Fannin

Mervel D. Fannin, 87, of Fairborn, Ohio, died Thursday, January 3, 2013.

He was born April 20, 1925, in Morgan County, Kentucky, a son of the late Cecil and Malissa "Lissie" Conley Fannin.

Mervel served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II and was employed with Carpenters Local No. 104, retiring after over 35 years of service. He attended Faith Hill Church of God and Fairborn Enterprise Baptist Church.

Mervel was a Kentucky Colonel and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and gardening.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, James Hutchin-



son, William Fannin, Harvey "Joe" Fannin; and two sisters, Florence Smith and Inez Jean Harris.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Bertha; six children, Loreda (Carl) Fiffe, Letha Robbins, Phillip (Chelle) Fannin, and Debbie Ruiz, all of Fairborn, Ohio, Mary (Larry) Huttless, of Beavercreek, Ohio, and Gay (Gary) Easterling, of Michigan; 12 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; a sister, Evelyn (Ira) Wash, of Kentucky; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and other extended family.

A funeral service was conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 7, with Pastor Tooney Easterling, Brother Dan Smith, and Rev. Gary Easterling officiating. Interment with military honors followed in the Byron Cemetery.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.Belton-Stroup.com](http://www.Belton-Stroup.com)

## Willard E. Wright

Willard E. Wright, 79, of Beckley, W. Va., passed away December 29, 2012, at Heartland, W. Va., following a short illness.

Born September 15, 1933, in Ophir, Kentucky, he was the son of the late Sank and Lina Wright.

Willard was a graduate of Man (W. Va.) High School, served our country in the United States Air Force, worked 38 years in the mining industry, retiring from Pittston's Buffalo Mining, and was of the Baptist faith. He was an avid hunter, had a great knowledge of firearms, and was a proud member of the National Rifle Association.

Willard deeply loved his family and was a mentor, not only to his family, but to those around him. He was always willing to pass along his vast knowledge of mining, hunting,



horses and guns.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sisters, Thelma Francis, Italy, Mag, and Letha; brothers, Sankie and William E.

Those left to cherish his memory are his loving and devoted wife of 57 years, Loreta Hill Wright of Beckley; his precious daughter, Rhonda Wright Caron and husband, Mike, of Bolt, W. Va.; grandchildren, Shane Caron and wife, Desiree, of Fairdale, W. Va., Sheena Caron and partner Jennifer Sloan of Beckley, Steven and Savanna Caron of Bolt; great-grandchildren, Makiya and Colten Caron of Fairdale, also his beloved dog, Sara.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 3, 2013, at Blue Ridge Funeral Home in Beckley with Pastor Dewey Lowe officiating. Entombment was at Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens. Family and friends served as pallbearers.

Arrangements were by Blue Ridge Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.blueridgefuneralhome.com](http://www.blueridgefuneralhome.com)

## Teresa L. Phelps

Teresa L. Phelps, 54, of Campton, departed this life Thursday, January 3, 2013, at her home.

She was a daughter of the late Betty Bush Mayabb, born at Sidney, Ohio, on November 5, 1958.

Teresa was a beautician, and a loving mother and grandmother.

Survivors include her step father, John Mayabb, of Campton; two sons, Eric Brewer, of Kansas City, Missouri, and Brock Beasley, of Campton; four grandchildren, Hunter Brewer, Jayden Brewer, Tyler Beasley, and Ashton Beasley;

three brothers, Jeff Phelps and wife, Patti, of Stanford, Ronnie Phelps and wife, Tammy, of Versailles, and Jonathan Mayabb and wife, Leah, of Campton; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, at Porter and Son Funeral Directors Chapel, with Jeff Phelps officiating. Burial followed in the Evans Cemetery, at Campton, with arrangements entrusted to Porter and Son Funeral Directors, of Campton.

Pallbearers were Josh Phelps, Jordan Phelps, Ben Phelps, Wade Mayabb, Daniel Mayabb, and Steven Kincaid.

## Laura M. McCormick

Laura Manning McCormick, 98, of Campton, beloved widow of the late Millard Lawson, departed this life on Sunday, Dec. 30, 2012, at the Wolfe County Health and Rehabilitation Center, in Campton.

She was a daughter of the late Cleve and Lavena Lawson Manning, born at Ezel, Kentucky on April 8, 1914.

Survivors include one son,

Paul Lawson and wife, Sarah, of Campton; 5 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; 13 great, great grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

In addition to her husband and parents, Laura was preceded in death by four brothers, Earl Manning, Kayle Manning, John Henry Manning, and Woodrow Manning; and three sisters, Wilma Roe, Ruth Whitaker, and Nannie Lawson.

## THANK YOU

We, the family of Gary Smith, would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supported us during the loss of our precious loved one. Thank you for all the calls, visits, flowers, thoughts, gifts, hugs, the shoulders to cry on, and to those who prepared and brought food to the house, and most of all, for the prayers uttered on our behalf. Thank you to all that participated in the funeral service, the singers, the minister, and the pallbear-

ers. You did a wonderful job. A special thank you to Randy, and staff at Herald and Stewart and Halsey Funeral Home for their professionalism and caring service. May God bless each and every person that made out burden a little easier to bear. Gary would have been so proud and honored at the outpouring of love and support we all received.

Thank you,  
The Gary Smith Family  
and special friend, Chubs (pd)

## Lacy Creek

Jan. 7--Those attending and enjoying New Year's dinner with Darrell and Ella Mae Nickell attended the funeral of Wanda Jean Francis Allen Thursday at Magoffin Funeral Home. Darrell and Ella Mae attended church Sunday at Walnut Grove.

Harper and Leroy and Maxine Gullett, Darrell and Ella Mae Nickell attended the funeral of Wanda Jean Francis Allen Thursday at Magoffin Funeral Home. Darrell and Ella Mae attended church Sunday at Walnut Grove.

Joyce LeMaster visited Friday with Langley and Glynda Franklin. Joyce LeMaster, Athena Blackburn and Nicholas were shopping in Pikeville Saturday and ate dinner at Logan's Road House. Tom and B. Gullett, Steve and Phyllis Gullett, Jr. Arnett, Roby Gullett, Bob and Dell Marie

## IN MEMORIAM



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**My First Christmas In Heaven**

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below, with tiny lights, like heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow.

The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear. For I am spending Christmas with Jesus this year. I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear, but the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas chorus up here.

I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring, for it is beyond description, to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me. I see the pain inside your heart, But I am not so far away. We really aren't apart, so be happy for me dear ones. You know I hold you dear, and be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus this year.

I send you a special gift, from my heavenly home above. I send you each a memory of my undying love. After all "love" is the gift, more precious than pure gold. It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.

Please love and keep each other, as my Father said to do, for I can't count the blessing or love He has for each of you. So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear.

Remember, I'm spending Christmas, with Jesus Christ this year.

Love and miss you so much,  
Proffitt Family (pd)

## Dennie Conley

Dennie Conley, age 80, of Fairborn, Ohio, passed away peacefully on November 21, 2012, in Carlsbad, California, surrounded by his loving family. He was born a son of B and Rachel (Smith) Conley on January 6, 1932, in Zag, Kentucky.

In addition to his parents, Dennie was preceded in death by five brothers: Leicester of Middletown, Ohio, Robert "Bob" of Dayton, Ohio, Huey of Guam, Monroe "Monty" of San Francisco, Calif., and Ellis of Jack, Alabama.

Dennie is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 59 years, Eulah (Hughes) Conley; one daughter, Rebecca (and Brick) Langford of Carlsbad, Calif.; a sister, Madge Ferguson of Leeds, Ala.; two brothers, Elmer (Stella) Conley of Beavercreek, Ohio, and Lawrence 'Hap' Conley of Pasadena,

Texas, and several nieces and nephews.

Dennie was a wonderful husband and proud dad and he will be missed by all who loved him.

Dennie was retired from Stevens Aviation of Dayton and one of his favorite past times was fishing, especially with his brother, Elmer.

He was a member of First Church of Christ in Fairborn.

Visiting hours were Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Burcham Jennings Funeral Home in Fairborn, where over 150 people signed the guest book. Funeral services were held at the funeral home on Friday, Nov. 30, 2012, at 1 p.m. with Dr. Tom Brunsmann officiating. Interment was in the Byron Cemetery of Byron Road, Fairborn.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.Burcham-Jennings.com](http://www.Burcham-Jennings.com)

## CARD OF THANKS

We, the family of Willis W.E. (Bill) Jones, would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone who came to the funeral home to visit with us the night of visitation and the day of the funeral. We so appreciate each and everyone of you. We would like to thank the ones who sent flowers, and Wanda Hamilton for the food she brought to my mom's home. We also would like to thank the pallbearers and Randy and Jeanelle Halsey and their staff for their kind and efficient service, and to Kenny Perry for the good job he did opening and closing the grave. So sorry for his misfortune after closing

the grave. Also thank you to Brother Roger Ball, Brother Tavis Ison and Brother Lonnie B. Wright for the wonderful job they did of taking care of our loved one's service. We so appreciate everything anyone did for us in the time of our loss. May God bless each and everyone.

The family of Bill Jones--  
Lois Jones, his wife of 65

years;

Daughters, Minnie and Jimmie Smith, and Barbara Costello;

Son, Paul Jones;

grandchildren and great

grandchildren; son-in-law,

Buck Gamble

(pd)

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday, January 2, at Porter and Son Funeral Directors Chapel, with Bro. Eddie Nickell officiating. Burial followed in the Bach Cemetery, on Dan Ridge, with

Porter and Son Funeral Directors, of Campton, in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Brian Lawson, Chris Bradley, Robert Spencer, Josh Spencer, Dylan Spencer, and William Little.



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Area Arts Council Needs Your Help! Tornado debris needed for Sculpture Park Renaissance

West Liberty Area Arts Council still needs your help! If you haven't donated tornado debris to be included in the Sculpture Park Renaissance to be built in West Liberty, there is still time to do so. As the area continues to recover from the March 2 tornado, the students of Morgan County would like to help honor the resilience of our citizens and pay tribute to those who lost their lives in the storm. In cooperation with Morgan County Government, Morgan County Cooperative Extension, Morgan County Arts and Recreation, and the West Liberty Area Arts Council, Morgan County students will be creating a sculpture and park in West Liberty.

Made possible by a grant from Brushy Fork Institute, the sculpture and surrounding park will be constructed using debris from the tornado in order to memorialize this event. The park will feature a walkway constructed of debris, and it will provide a place for individual reflection, while hopefully remaining powerful in its symbolism of "Our Story". In an effort to involve the community in this important project, citizens are encouraged to participate by saving three pieces of debris from the storm to be considered for inclusion in the project. Items needed for the project include stone, tile, brick, glass, broken glass, glass dishes, metal, steel, lawn mower pieces and parts, door knockers, hinges, signs; personal items that have sentimental value or that tells

"your story." Rubber tires, car/truck parts, tools that are bent (such as weed eaters, leaf blowers, fan blades, chain saws, rakes, hoes and other gardening tools, etc. Items may be dropped off behind MCHS vocational building during school hours. For more information, email Janell Potter (janell.potter@morgan.kyschools.us), or Malaysia Carty Whisman (malaysia.whisman@morgan.kyschools.us). You may also visit the West Liberty Area Arts Council website for more information and updates related to this and other events in the county at http://www.facebook.com/wlaac www.facebookRenaissanceSculpturePark.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

Monday, Jan. 14--Beef patie and gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, wheat bread, margarine, banana milk. Tuesday, Jan. 15--Baked chicken, mushroom gravy, buttered noodles, green beans, wheat roll, fruit cup, milk. Wednesday, Jan. 16--Pinto beans w/ham, oven bro. potatoes, cooked cabbage, corn bread, peaches, milk. Thursday, Jan. 17--Meat sauce, spaghetti, spinach salad, wheat bread, margarine, apricots, milk. Friday, Jan. 18--Chicken salad, lettuce/tomato, pasta salad, mayonnaise, chocolate pudding, orange, milk.

Words Of Wisdom

Thanks is a neglected form of compensation.

Lenox

By Louise G. Caskey Jan. 7--Miss Brenda Gilliam, of Virginia, was a Christmas visitor of her mother, Mrs. Margaret Gilliam. Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Vance and daughter, Bryleigh, of Lexington, were Christmas eve visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Vance and Mr. and Mrs. Lanny Vance. Misses Christina and Trinity Davis, of Xenia, Ohio, visited in Ft. Mitchell over the New Year's holiday with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Brad Ramey and daughters, Grace, Reagan, and Carlie and Mr. and Mrs. Dale DeHart. Mrs. Linda Paschal, of Shelbyville, hosted a pre-Christmas dinner for her sons and grandsons, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Paschal and Lucas, of Sellersburg, Indiana, and Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Paschal and North, of Shelbyville.

Mrs. Patty Shoop, of Dayton, Ohio, spent a few days here over the New Year holiday visiting with family members and friends including Mrs. Julia Johnson. Other recent visitors included Mrs. Tonya Johnson, Dennis Johnson and Debbie Prater, of Salyersville, Mrs. Diane Crace, Mrs. Josephine O'Neal, and Gary Ball. Happy belated birthday wishes to Mrs. Diane Crace whose birthday was on Friday, January 4.

Mrs. Diane Crace was a Friday visitor of Mrs. Josephine O'Neal. We send happy birthday wishes to Mrs. Mae Adkins (January 8th); Mr. John Adkins (January 11th) of Means; and Mrs. Bernice Johnson (18th), of Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. Mary Alice Mayberry visited on Sunday with Mrs. Josephine O'Neal. On Saturday evening, they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ryan O'Neal, at Malone.

Dr. Janet Ratliff and son, Garrison Lee, of Morehead, were Saturday visitors of Mrs. Joyce Ferguson, Mrs. Reva Hutchinson, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Banks.

We send our get well soon wishes to little Anthony Helton, who remains a patient at Children's Hospital, UK Medical Center, Lexington.

Household Hints

- To remove makeup and soothe the skin, wash your face with a cool gelatin, for example, Jell-O or Know or Royal brands. Massage into your skin with a soft cloth and rinse with water.
- Remove wax and crayon marks from furniture by heating up the wax or crayon marks with a hair dryer. When it starts to melt, wipe it up.
- Spray hair spray on a spot of lipstick or ink on clothing. Allow the spray to soak the soiled area; wipe clean with a damp cloth; and, launder as usual.
- Dab a nasty pimple with lemon juice to help dry it up.
- Massage mayonnaise over rough areas of your skin for a natural, inexpensive skin moisturizing cream.

10 Things That Matter To People Who Know You

1. Keeping promises
2. Punctuality
3. Ethics and honesty
4. Demeanor
5. Respect
6. Gratitude
7. Sincerity
8. Feedback
9. Enthusiasm
10. Initiative

Jay Conrad Levinson Seth Godin

A Tale From Mize, Ky.

By Mike Havens ALL MOST LEFT BEHIND!

Well!!! Here it is the 2nd day of 2013, the New Year. Uall ant go'n believe this, but I was caught between two years fur while.

It was fifteen munites till twelve o'clock. All of sudden, batteries went dead in my clock. Big white oak tree fell across power lines, knocked out computer. I had loaned wrist watch to nephews to run time trials on dirt bikes and they still had it. Battery dead in cell phone from calling friends and family, wishing them Happy New Year. Phone line chewed into by house dog. No modern tecknowledge in house.

I thought!!! Won't see friends anymore because they'll be in 2013. Then I thought??? Won't have to pay taxes anymore. So! I Got my old guitar and thought I'd sing me some songs. First one I thunk of was, "All Good Times Are Past And Gone", then "Man Of Constant Sorrow". Then I thought?? I got big red candle here I bought of feller real cheap. Give \$35 fur candle but feller throwed flame in free. Bet we can't get that kind'a deal in 2013.

Then 'nother thought hit me?? I got wind up alarm clock in bedroom. I had settled down some after playin' bunch of songs. Got \$35 candle and went to bedroom. Low and behold!! It was 2:00 in the morning. I had after all made it into 2013. But I felt that I missed out on two hours of 2013. Reckon congrease and senit could get together and get my two hours back, or will 2013 be like 2012??

WOW!! Friends, here I am and glad to be here with you. For a time there, I thought MI ANNS were right. SWOOCH. Happy New Year!

Your Social Security

A "Raise" For People Who Get Social Security

As we ring in a new year, we can expect to see a number of changes. Social Security is no exception: in 2013, people who receive Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments will see their benefits increase.

Beginning in 2013, a 1.7 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) was applied to all Social Security and SSI payments. The average monthly Social Security benefit for a retired worker in 2013 is \$1,261 (up from \$1,240 in 2012) and the average monthly Social Security benefit for a disabled worker in 2013 is \$1,132 (up from \$1,113 in 2012). These changes were reflected in SSI payments dated December 31, 2012 and Social Security payments dated in January 2013.

For people who receive SSI, the maximum federal payment amount has risen to \$710 (up from \$698).

Other Social Security changes in 2013 are worth noting. For example, a worker now pays Social Security tax on up to \$113,700 of annual income (up from \$110,100 in 2012). A worker earns one credit after paying taxes on \$1,160 in earnings in 2013 (up from \$1,130). As always, a worker may earn a maximum of four credits each year and a person generally needs forty credits (or ten years of work) to be eligible for retirement benefits.

To learn more about these and other changes for 2013, visit the Social Security website at www.socialsecurity.gov, and read our fact sheet about the changes at www.socialsecurity.gov/pressoffice/factsheets/cola-facts2013.htm.

Bernard O'Nan is the District Manager at the Ashland Social Security Office. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Ashland office toll free at (866)269-3993.

THE WAY TO A HAPPY NEW YEAR

To leave the old with a burst of song, to recall the right and forgive the wrong. To forget the things that bind you fast, to the vain regrets of the year that's past. To have the strength to let go hour hold of the not worth while of the days grown old. To dare go forth with a purpose true, to the unknown task of the year that's new. To help your brother along the road, To do his work and lift, his load. To add your gift to the world's good cheer, Is to have and to give a Happy New Year.

(Submitted by Alpha Clevenger)

A HELPING HAND Some people go all year long without taking the time to help others. Thank goodness we have the holidays. The bells and lights and cards remind us to extend a helping hand and a compassionate heart to

those less fortunate. It is easier to remember the needy when compassion and generosity surround us. And it is a good thing to do. Our next step is to carry these feelings with us in every season of the year. (Submitted by Alpha Clevenger)

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**MEDICAL Moment**

Don't Let Cancer Come Back?

Sally had a lumpectomy plus radiation therapy six years ago for two small cancers in her breast. As a cancer survivor, she has never stopped worrying about recurrence. And with good reason.

Even a patient who has been in remission for several years may still harbor malignant cells that remain dormant for an extended period before showing up again like an unwanted house guest. Moreover, cancer treatment itself--whether radiation or chemotherapy--increases the risk of future cancers as well as other medical problems.

The cancer frequently recurs in the same local area where it was before. Although doctors try very hard to remove all of the cancer along with a margin of healthy tissue, some cells may be resistant to treatment and remain dormant for an extended period. The cancer may also occur in lymph nodes and tissue in the vicinity of the original cancer. Or it may have spread to distant areas.

The risk of recurrence and where it appears varies with the individual, the type of cancer and the stage of the cancer when it was diagnosed. For Sally's cancer, which was detected early and localized to the breast, the risk of recurrence is 20 to 30 percent. If it had spread to the lymph nodes or to distant parts of the body, the risk would have been 30 to 60 percent.

Aggressive cancers are more likely to recur early--during the first four years. Slower growing cancers may remain dormant and could come back at almost any time.

Although Sally was by now an official "survivor," her doctor monitored her regularly, with appointments every six months. And Sally was given information about signs and symptoms that could mean a recurrence. For a recurring localized cancer, early detection is even more important than it was for the original cancer.

The American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) has developed a set of specific guidelines for cancer survivors to reduce their risk of recurrence. Most of the simple recommendations are the same as those advised to prevent cancer, and they also help protect against heart disease, stroke, diabetes and other serious illnesses. They were, however, developed specifically for cancer survivors, based on a study of available research.

Expanding on the need for healthy eating, the AICR called for a low-fat, plant-based diet. To get the vitamins, minerals and phytochemicals needed to protect against cancer recurrence, you should try to get about two thirds of your diet from fruits, vegetables, whole grains and legumes. Focus on brightly colored, highly flavored produce such as dark green leafy vegetables, tomatoes, strawberries, blueberries, carrots and cantaloupe.

For the remaining one third of your diet, look to fish, poultry and cheese. Red meat promotes inflammation in body tissues, and inflammation is believed to promote the growth of cancer cells. Even more dangerous are processed meats like cold cuts, bacon, sausage and ham--not just because they are high in sodium but also because they may contain cancer-causing substances.

Regular physical activity is also important for cancer survivors. The nature of the exercise and the intensity depends on the patient's physical condition.

Many cancer drugs can damage the heart and the cardiovascular system. That's one reason for the strong emphasis on heart-healthy habits for cancer survivors.

Other possible long-term effects of cancer treatment include weight gain, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and an increased risk of type 2 diabetes.

Excess weight increases inflammation and cardiovascular risk. And body fat, particularly around the waist, promotes the release of hormones and substances that are associated with the growth of cancer cells.

Moderate alcohol use is good for heart health, but no protective effect against cancer has been found. In fact, alcohol use is associated with a higher risk of breast cancer. The AICR recommends avoiding alcohol. For those who choose to drink, the advice is no more than one drink a day for a woman, two for a man.

In addition to its negative effects on the cardiovascular system, tobacco, in any form, is a major cancer-causing substance and should be strictly avoided by anyone who is at risk of cancer or cancer recurrence.

Cancer survivors are usually acutely aware of the possibility of recurrence. They should not allow that possibility to cause them distress, however. Stress affects the immune system, and a healthy immune system is crucial to fighting off cancer as well as other diseases.

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- \* Wrongful Death/Medical Negligence

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**To celebrate 53 years of marriage**

Millard and Helen Lewis, of West Liberty, will celebrate 53 years of marriage on May 26, 2013. Married at the courthouse in West Liberty by Millard Whitt, Mr. and Mrs. have been blessed with two sons, Rondal Byrul Lewis and Melvin Lewis. During their years together the Lewises have enjoyed playing music and singing in many different churches in the area as well as other public events. They currently have a radio program aired on WLKS Radio Station every Sunday. (pd)

**Kellacey**  
By Sandra Carpenter

Jan 7 — Thought of the week:

Friendship is not about who you've known the longest. It's about who walked into your life, said, "I'm here for you" and proved it.

I hope that 2013 is being good to everyone thus far. We have a new year ahead of us. Let's make the best of it.

Get well to the sick and to those who have lost loved ones. Prayer is the best medicine.

Jan 1st I received a phone call from Gearld Goodpaster inviting the gang over to have evening dinner with them. Those joining in for the meal prepared by Nettie and Crickett were Sandra Carpenter, Barbara Carpenter, Harold Goodpaster, Donnieand Sherry Lykins, Kent, Amanda and Tre Lykins, Amanda and Dalton Adkins, Jr. and Nell Adkins, Jimmy and Mardi Cantrell. Kim, Chloie, and D.J. Sparkman. Greg Russell, and Leona Cantrell. A very delicious table was laid with homegrown food, desserts and baked goodies. I want to send a big thank you out for the invitation to the host and hostess, Gearld and Nettie Goodpaster. It was mighty fine eatin'. Also great fellowship with everyone.

Get well wishes go out to Tim Peyton and Janie who have been sick with the fu. Hope you feel better soon.

Louise Hall stated that Dean Bailey was improving slightly. He is very ill and needs your prayers.

Barbara Carpenter spoke by phone with Betty Stewart recently. They seem to be doing ok this winter.

Juanita Pieratt said she is on the mend and feeling better. I want to say Hello to Edith Leach. Hope you are doing well this winter.

Carolyn Montgomery, Paula Cantrell, and Tina Vanhoose met with Annette Mazonni in Grayson last Wednesday to make a trip to Beckley, West Va., for the viewing and funeral of Carolyn's uncle, Willard Wright. Others attending the viewing or funeral were Mary Ellen Blevins of Springfield, Tenn. Gary and Dixie Daniels, Missy

**News Of Record**

**CIRCUIT COURT**  
New civil cases —Travis Gelhausen #196453 vs. Department of Corrections, Jan. 3.

**DISTRICT COURT**  
New civil cases —Midland Funding LLC vs. David Helton, Jan. 2.

**PROPERTY TRANSFERS**  
Danny R. Williams to Danny R. Williams and Daniel Adam Williams, 2 tracts; tract 1 containing 50 acres, more or less, Lacy Creek leading from Elkfork. Tract 2 containing 25 acres, more or less, between Lacy Creek and Trace Fork, \$1 and other good and valuable consideration.  
Irene Jenkins to Clyde Jenkins, 3 tracts on the waters of Upper Sandlick of Paint Creek, for and in consideration of finalization of the divison of real property in a

divorce action.  
Jeffrey Brown, Teresa Litteral, Mark Brown and Edwin Layne Brown to Edwin Layne Brown and Judy Francis Brown, land located on Wells Hill Road, love and affection.  
Richard A. and Myrtle Sulaski to William Richard Stacy, land located on Keeton Avenue, love and affection.  
Jeffrey Brown, executor of the estate of Lois Brown, to Edwin Lane Brown and Judy Francis Brown, 60 acres, more or less, beginning on the waters of Licking River, running with Edward Elam line, \$1 cash in hand paid and other good and valuable consideration.  
Paul D. Tussey and Betty E. Tussey to Chase Perry and Michelle Perry, land lying and being on Zag Road, containing 0.52 acre, \$74,000.  
Justin Dye and Jessica Dye to David Nipper and Amanda Nipper, 2 parcels; parcel 1--a part of the former James McGuire farm, made up of lots number 3, 4 and 6, on Rt. 1950 (Prater Ridge Rd) of Bair Brother Farms. Parcel 2--a part of former James McGuire farm designated as tract no. 1 of Bair Brother Farms, \$110,000.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**  
Morgan County Court Clerk, Randy Williams, has issued the following marriage licenses.  
Vicky Lynn Litteral, 27, of Morehead, daughter of Alma Lynn Kimbler Peters and Gary Peters, to Wallace Jay Coffee, 50, of Morehead, son of Melovee Coffee and Clayton Coffee.  
Rebecca J. Adkins, 36, of West Liberty, daughter of Kathy Jo Fields Lewis and Billy Wayne Lewis, to Michael D. Wireman, 50, of West Liberty, son of Phyllis Ann Peyton and Jimmy Dale Wireman.  
Regina Mae Sayeed, 35, of Lawton, Oklahoma, daughter of Janet Carole Jenkins Holbrook and Lowell McCoy Holbrook, to Iqbal Sayeed, 42, of Lawton, Oklahoma, son of Gurder Singh Sayeed and Usman Ahmed Sayeed.

**Morgan student named to Dean's List at Pikeville U**  
PIKEVILLE, Ky. — University of Pikeville Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs Thomas R. Hess has released the names of the top students in the College of Arts and Sciences for the fall 2012 semester. Among those named was Morgan County student Brittany M. Walker of Elkfork. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must receive a grade-point average of 3.5 (B+) or better.

*The  
Licking Valley  
Courier*



**Vision Care Center serving local patients**

By Miranda M. Cantrell

Morgan Countians were left without vision care services for a brief period following the 2012 tornado, which destroyed both of West Liberty's optometry offices.

Dr. Steven Colwell's office known as Vision Care Center sustained minimal damage compared to neighboring businesses in Peyton Plaza, but remained closed for seven weeks to repair water damage.

"It could have been a lot worse," Colwell said. "The carpet and ceiling had to be replaced, but the equipment was intact."

Colwell — who resides in Lexington, but has practiced optometry in West Liberty since 1974 — said he was devastated by the destruction of the downtown area.

"I stood out in front of the old courthouse and cried," Colwell said. "An insurance representative from Pittsburgh told me that she had never seen people remain so upbeat and concerned with helping others after they had lost everything. I told her that Morgan Countians are a perfect reflection of Appalachian values. That speaks volumes about how West Liberty will recover."

Colwell — who helped fellow optometrists Kent Nickell and Randy Steele recover records from their destroyed Prestonsburg Street office — said that some of his patients scheduled appointments at his Lexington practice known as Optometric Associates in the tornado aftermath.

"My patients were very gracious and understanding while our office was closed," Colwell said. "I am grateful my space was spared, and I am glad to be part of West Liberty's recovery."

Vision Care Center office hours are 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call 743-4441.



**Election at Morgan Central**

After Brennan Ison, a student at Morgan Central Elementary, decided that students should have the right to vote as well as adults, Morgan Central had a Presidential Election.

Brennan designed ballots and a ballot box, brought them to school and visited each classroom where he explained to the students how the ballots were to be filled out and where to deposit them after they filled them out.

The voting was a hit! The students loved having the chance to "make history" at the school. Brennan then took the ballot box to the "front office" and with the help of his classmate, Chase Whitt, counted and recorded all 400 votes that had been cast. The counting took a very long time and much effort, but the boys said they felt it was well worth the effort.

After the tally was complete, Beennan announced the results over the school intercom. The students' delighted reaction and screams of joy could be heard throughout the school when it was announced that President Obama had won!

Brennan Ison designing ballots at home for use in school election.



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Alcohol use is associated with **physical and sexual assault, unintended pregnancy, sexually-transmitted diseases, violence, vandalism, crime, overdose, other substance use, and high-risk behaviors.**<sup>5,7</sup>

Alcohol contributes to various illnesses such as **hypertension, liver cirrhosis, chronic pancreatitis, and cancers of the breast, esophagus, larynx, and pancreas.**<sup>8,9</sup>

Alcohol contributes to a wide range of injuries, including **motor vehicle crashes, fires, falls, drownings, and unintentional firearm injuries.**<sup>10</sup>

Alcohol plays a role in violent crimes such as **homicide, sexual assaults, domestic violence, and child abuse.**<sup>11</sup>

Alcohol contributes to maternal and perinatal conditions such as **low birth weight, cognitive deficiencies, and fetal alcohol disorders.**<sup>12</sup>

**Motor vehicle crashes** are the leading cause of death of people under the age of 35; **alcohol is involved in more than one-half of these fatal crashes.**<sup>13</sup>

**As many as one in three elderly adults** who continue to consume alcohol into older adulthood are at risk of harm in the context of co-morbidities (21.5%), specific medication use (21.2%), or alcohol use alone (22.3%).<sup>14</sup>

**The healthcare costs** from alcohol-related problems amount to more than **\$26 billion annually.**<sup>16</sup>

**That's \$686 for every person living in the U.S.**<sup>17</sup>

**Underage drinking cost the citizens of Kentucky \$0.7 billion in 2010.**

These costs include medical care, work loss, and pain and suffering associated with the multiple problems resulting from the use of alcohol by youth.<sup>A</sup>

In 2009, **498 Kentucky teen pregnancies** and 12,457 teens having risky sex were attributable to underage drinking.<sup>B</sup>

**"Kentuckians binge drink six times more often** than people living in any other state."

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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# Update From U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers

As we begin 2013, we also begin the start of the new 113th Congress. Today, I was sworn in to represent the fine people of the 5th Congressional District of Kentucky for another two years. It is an honor and privilege to be given this opportunity, and I am looking forward to continuing my work of reining in Washington spending, helping Kentuckians find work, keeping taxes low for working families, leading the fight against prescription drug abuse, and getting our nation's finances back on the right track. While many challenges lie ahead this year, I remain committed to helping improve our region and working with Congress to ensure a bright, secure, and prosperous future for America.

**News On The Bill**  
On New Year's Day, the House of Representatives approved the McConnell-Biden revenue agreement that will save nearly all Kentuckians from an immediate and devastating tax hike, including a 20% increase in the death tax. The deal also prevents a massive cut to family physicians performing Medicare services in areas like southern and eastern Kentucky.

On Wednesday, the President signed this bipartisan legislation into law. Like many Americans, I was disappointed spending cuts were not included in the final package, putting in further jeopardy the long-term viability of Social Security and Medicare. The White House simply refuses to tackle our nation's overspending, address our \$16 trillion national debt, and

make tough decisions to sustain these important programs.

I'm committed to holding the President to his promise for a "balanced" approach on fiscal matters, not just more taxes. As we begin the 113th Congress, our focus must now turn to enacting meaningful reforms and cutting spending, while making targeted investments in our nation's infrastructure, reviving our domestic coal and energy sector, and supporting our military families and veterans.

**District News**  
The Fifth Congressional District has a new layout this year and I want to officially welcome Carter, Elliott, Lincoln, and portions of Boyd County

to the region I serve. On my website, you'll find each new county has been added to my interactive district map. It's a great resource for contacts, news articles related to each county, and projects across the region.

On January 21st, the 57th Presidential Inauguration will take place in Washington, DC and I am so proud that the Letcher County Central High School Marching Band, led by band director Dr. Jason Griffith, will be performing in the parade and at the Bluegrass Ball. It is a great honor and I look forward to seeing these talented musicians from the mountains performing on the Capitol grounds. Facebook page, follow me on Twitter, or subscribe to my YouTube channel. Thank you to everyone who has dropped by to share your opinion -- let's keep the dialogue going!

## Neighbor Helping Neighbor

### By Your Local Emergency Management Office

If someone you know is elderly or dependent on life-sustaining or health-related equipment such as a ventilator, respirator or oxygen concentrator, you should make plans now to ensure their needs are met during severe winter weather and possible power outages.

1. Help them stock a home disaster kit including a flashlight and extra batteries, a battery-operated radio, bottled

water, non-perishable foods, essential medicines, and extra blankets or sleeping bags.

2. Check on them after a storm or power outage. Register them, as a special needs customer with their utility so they will become a priority customer. Notify others who could provide help such as neighbors, relatives, nearby friends and local emergency responders such as the fire department.

3. Have a list of emergency numbers readily available.

4. Have a standby generator or an alternative source of power available. Be aware of the safety rules for its use.

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- \* considerations for selecting future transportation projects

"Your Turn" is available Jan. 9 - Feb. 25, 2013.

Take "Your Turn" online at [yourturn.transportation.ky.gov](http://yourturn.transportation.ky.gov)

Paper surveys are available at:

- \* KYTC highway district offices
- \* Area Development District offices
- \* Metropolitan Planning Organization offices
- \* Transportation Cabinet Office Building, 200 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY

Call (502) 564-3419 weekdays from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. eastern time for more information or to request a survey.

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## Library Corner

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Check the availability of books at: [www.youseemore.com/mcpl](http://www.youseemore.com/mcpl)  
Valentine's Day Craft and Story Hour, Wednesday, Feb. 13, 3:30-5:00 p.m.  
The library had 2633 visitors in December.  
Book Delivery--If you are unable to come to the library, books can be delivered to your home. Call the library, at 743-4151, for more information.  
The library will be closed January 21st.



## Leadership in the 1960s

Gov. Bert T. Combs, left, was conferring with West Liberty Mayor Charles Black, center, when Licking Valley Courier editor/publisher Earl W. Kinner, Sr., right, caught up with them at the courthouse (circa early 1960s). Believed to have been taken in the office of Circuit Clerk Walter Franklin, the photo was submitted by Jerry Hopkins, Mayor Black's grandson, and is from an album that belonged to Black's widow, the late Lena Black (who also served as mayor following her husband's death). Mayor Black was heading a drive by the city council to build the town's first sewage disposal plant on Riverside Drive and it is believed that at the time the photo was made, Combs, in town on other matters, had asked to meet informally with the mayor to reassure him of his support for the project.



## By the President of the United States of America

### A Proclamation

Whereas, the Senate of the United States, devoutly recognizing the Supreme Authority and just Government of Almighty God, in all the affairs of men and of nations, has, by a resolution, requested the President to designate and set apart a day for National prayer and humiliation.

And whereas it is the duty of nations as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.

And, inasmuch as we know that, by His divine law, nations like individuals are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war, which now desolates the land, may be but a punishment, inflicted upon us, for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole People? We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all the blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us!

It behooves us then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.

Now, therefore, in compliance with the request, and fully concurring in the views of the Senate, I do, by this my proclamation, designate and set apart Thursday, the 30th day of April, 1863, as a day of national humiliation, fasting and prayer. And I do hereby request all the People to abstain, on that day, from their ordinary secular pursuits and to unite, at their several places of public worship and their respective homes, in keeping the day holy to the Lord, and devoted to the humble discharge of the religious duties proper to that solemn occasion.

All this being done, in sincerity and truth, let us then rest humbly in the hope authorized by the Divine teachings, that the united cry of the Nation will be heard on high, and answered with blessings, no less than the pardon of our national sins, and the restoration of our now divided and suffering Country, to its former happy condition of unity and peace.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this thirtieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty seventh.

By the President: Abraham Lincoln  
William H. Seward, Secretary of State.

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## LEGALS

### NOTICE OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT HEARING

The West Liberty Board of Adjustments will hear a conditional use permit hearing on January 7th 2013 @ 5:00 P.M. at city hall for the address of 1277 Liberty Road. The hearing will be for the placement of Touch of Class Hair Salon which was destroyed by the March 2nd tornado.

On said property, the business is low traffic and low volume. Anyone who wishes to address the board for the process must appear in person, or have legal counsel present to represent them.

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## Student Santa Pgm. helps families and children have a merrier Christmas



The annual Morgan County Student Santa event was held on Dec. 18 at Morgan Central Elementary with a large number of families and children receiving toys and gifts for the Christmas holiday season. 130 families signed up through the local FRYSC offices at the schools with a total of 302 students being served.

The Student Santa program each year also purchases small gifts for the residents of Woodsbend Youth Development Center. This year the total number of residents at the camp was approximately 35.

Even though changes for

Morgan County this year have been vast and extreme, the one thing that has never wavered is the generosity and dedication of the businesses, volunteers and citizens. Many businesses stepped up to help with monetary donations and toys as well as permitting their lobbies to become drop off points for people to bring their donations.

Several businesses also allowed their Christmas trees to be adorned with paper angel cutouts depicting the ages and gender of the participants for whom the toys would be given. In addition to the businesses we had 43 volunteers who came to

help with any task they were asked to perform. Whether they carried, unloaded, loaded or wrapped, our volunteers were eager and more than happy to spread cheer to our participants.

Each family was given a tin of popcorn, a Testament and a children's book of the Christmas story. The gifts that were chosen for the children were wrapped by various organization volunteers and citizens. The Student Santa planning committee wishes to commend and thank the following for their donations and assistance:

Monetary Donations: Ki-

wanis Club, KCCD, First National Bank, EKCC Inmates, Cade Logging, John and Linda Whitt, Morgan County Woman's Club.

Agencies collecting toys were: Bank of the Mountains, Citizens Bank, Commercial Bank, First National Bank, Cash Express, EKCC Staff, Long Term Recovery, and the Morgan County Board of Education Central Office Staff.

The committee also wishes to thank the Licking Valley Courier for the publicity, Morgan Central Elementary for the use of their gymnasium, Dept. of Protection and Permanency, Towne-n-Country and Country Cousins Morgan County Homemakers Clubs, RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program), 4-H Teen Club, Morgan County Head Start, Morgan County Schools Personnel, MSU Adult Education, Ameri-corps Volunteers-Heather Bryant, Karen Standafer, Wanda Sexton and Becky Brown. Morgan County Schools Transportation and Community Education Director-Keith Holbrook, Family Connection FRC Director-Kim Standafer, WEVE FRC Director-Angela Ferguson, HSYSC-Alicia McClurg, MSYSC-Donna Blair, 21st CCLC Director-Debi Brewer and all other Morgan County citizens who came to help in any way.

## Grant is awarded to plan expanded skilled trades training in E.Ky. area

Eastern Kentucky workers will soon have more options to obtain training and certifications for higher-paying skilled trades like electrical, plumbing, HVAC and construction thanks to a new grant awarded to the region's workforce development agency.

Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program, Inc. (EKCEP) has received a \$25,000 planning grant that will assist its Workforce Investment Board (WIB) in encouraging partnerships with local employers to create opportunities for skilled trades apprenticeships.

Awarded by the Kentucky Workforce Investment Board

and the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, the "Quick Start" industry partnership grant will ultimately create programs to allow workers to become journeymen or certified master craftsmen in a variety of skilled trades.

EKCEP Industry Liaison Joyce Wilcox said the region has a critical need for new skilled career opportunities in light of ongoing coal layoffs due to an industry-wide downturn in production.

Since January 2012, these layoffs have left more than 2,000 miners and coal employ-

ees in EKCEP's 23-county service region out of work and searching for new employment that can utilize their technical expertise.

"Even as the coal industry continues to contract, the Bureau of Labor Statistics forecasts expansion and growth in the skilled trades industry by as much as 28 percent over the next three years," Wilcox said. "This is a clear indicator of the opportunity for much-needed job growth in our region, and we have a workforce that's more than ready for that opportunity."

As part of the grant, EKCEP will establish a skilled trades industry partnership that will

guide the formation of the Regional Skilled Trades Apprenticeship Council and development of a registered skilled trades apprenticeship program.

The council would consist of local employers and partners in workforce, education and labor. This partnership will be responsible for developing a training model that will meet the skill requirements needed in the skilled trades sector.

The resulting apprenticeship program would allow Eastern Kentuckians to attend classes and work toward becoming a journeyman or certified master craftsman in their skilled trade of choice.

EKCEP is a nonprofit workforce development organization that provides federally funded job seeker and employer services in 23 Appalachian Kentucky counties.

## 11 holiday hwy. deaths but none in Post 8 area

MOREHEAD, Ky. — While preliminary statistics showed that eleven people died in highway crashes during the holidays, no fatalities were reported in counties covered by the District 8 State Police Post. at Morehead.

Fatal crashes occurred in Christian, Clark, Jeffers, Knox and Pike counties. Six of the victims were not wearing seat belts and crashes in Christian, Knox and Pike counties involved suspected use of alcohol.

During the holiday period from December 21 2012, through January 1, 2013, Post 8 troopers worked 16 non-injury collisions with one arrest for driving under the influence, and 13 injury collisions with one arrest for driving under the influence.

There were not any fatal collisions during this period.

Post 8 troopers issued 111 speeding citations, 84 seat belt citations, 12 DUI arrests, and eight citations for child

restraint violations during this same period.

State Police presence and enforcement has increased during the holiday season the last several years and the number of fatal collisions has decreased as well.

Kentucky State Police encourage drivers to continue this safe trend and to contact the Kentucky State Police if they observe any violations while traveling on Kentucky's roadways.

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# Community Bulletin Board

## Farm equip. for rent at Conservation District

Morgan County Conservation District has for rent an aerator, two renovators, an ag sprayer, and a lime spreader for farm owners in Morgan County. Please call the Conservation District at (606) 743-3194 ext. 3 and speak to Donna Leach if you have any questions about renting this equipment or stop by the office at 955 Prestonsburg Street, Ste. 2, West Liberty.

C-4-5-1f

## OLIVER HANEY CEMETERY NOTICE

Thank you for your contributions last year to help keep the cemetery mowed and cleaned. I hope we can count on your continued support for this year. Contributions can be sent to the following address: Oliver Hane Cemetery Fund, c/o Shirley J. Cassidy, 900 Hwy. 844, West Liberty, Ky. 41472.

C-4-12-1f

## Gateway Job Club

The WIA program has a Job Club every week on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at the Gateway office. Our Job Club is located in the same building where the Morgan County Library is, on the 3rd floor-room 307. If you are unemployed then Job Club is the place to be. Job listings will be available at all meetings. We plan to have guest speakers from businesses at Job Club to inform you of what they look for in an employee. We offer help with resumes and interview skills. The Job Club services are free, so come out and join us. We look forward to assisting you. If you need additional information contact Sidney Castle at (606) 743-3133. C-7-19-TF

## Gateway bi-monthly meeting set Jan. 10

Gateway Community Action Agency will hold bi-monthly board meeting on Thursday, Jan. 10. The meeting will be held in Frenchburg at the Menifee County Community Building and will begin at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

## Nurse Aide class registration extended

The next class begins Monday, Jan. 14, and will finish March 1, 2013. Call (606) 738-4270 to make an appointment to register for this class. Don't miss out. The class fills up quickly, so register by January 7, 2013.

This is a "blended" program, and combines an on-line program, and a 1-on-1 supervised lab skills program. The on-line portion is accessible 24/7 on any computer that has an internet connection. The advantage is that a student can study any time and anyplace. There is no such thing as a missed lesson!

The fee of \$650 includes books and materials, state testing fee, tuition, lab, on-line fee, administrative fees and is payable in full by January 14, 2013. A limited amount of scholarship funds is available to qualified students.

For more information, pick up a flyer at Sarah's Place, Elliott Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, or call (606) 738-4270.

## West Liberty Church of God hosting Youth Rally

West Liberty Church of God's Youth Generation 168 will be hosting a "Life Begins at the Cross Youth Rally" Friday, January 11, thru Sunday, January 13, at West Liberty Church of God, located on 568 Glenn Avenue, in West Liberty. The speakers will be Jonathan Sargent on Friday night, Larry Lewis on Saturday night, and the Church of God State Youth Director, Brian Yaun, on Sunday morning. Pastor Tim Yaden and the West Liberty Church of God invite everyone to attend. For more information, you may call (606) 743-4161.

## Photo Club to meet Monday, January 14

The Morgan County Photo Club will start 2013 off with their monthly meeting Monday, Jan. 14, at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held in the conference room at city hall. Come join our club if you enjoy taking pictures and like to have fun! For more information contact Sheila Allen at 725-4276, or Barbara Stacy at 743-4876.

## Tornado recovery help is available

Help is available for anyone affected by the March 2 tornado if your recovery needs have not been covered by insurance or FEMA. Those in most need will be helped first.

To discuss your unmet needs, call Linda at 743-1225. There is no application form, but information about your personal situation needs to be collected. Linda may be able to help you if you call.

The Morgan County Long Term Recovery Team is a non-profit local organization whose goal is to help those who need help. Please call 743-1225.

C-9-20-3t

## 4-H Horse Club mtg. is scheduled Jan. 12

The 4-H Horse Club, Morgan's Riders 4-H Club, will be having an organizational meeting 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Morgan County Extension Office, located at the former Rifle Coal building. Youth interested in participating in the 4-H Horse activities are invited to attend this meeting. The club is for youth ages 9-19 in Morgan County. There are no membership fees, and members do not have to own a horse to participate. For more information contact Kim Cox at 743-3292.

## 4-H Country Ham Pjt. registration by Jan. 14

It is time again to get started preparing for the 4-H Country Ham Project. This will make our third year offering this project. Youth register for the country ham project at the Morgan County Extension Office. Each child who signs the contract receives two hams to work with. The Country Ham club purchases the hams with the intention of auctioning the ham at the Sorghum Festival. The club pays for the hams up-front and then at auction the youth will pay their half of the cost. This year each member made a profit off their ham. For more information contact the Morgan County Extension Office at 743-3292. Register at the office by Jan. 14.

## iPad, iPhone workshop scheduled for Jan. 24th

Do you have an iPad or an iPhone and feel you are not getting full usage out of them?

Do you want to know more about the latest "apps" that will make life easier - or more complicated - for you? If so, you will be interested in a workshop to learn how to get the most from the iPad and the iPhone. Jeff Highly, Director of Information Technology, Customer Service at Morehead State University, will lead the workshop 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24. Cost for the workshop is \$10. Space is limited. Call Dr. Jonell Tobin or Sherry Fannin at 743-1500 to register.

## Quilt block workshops to be held at Salem Ch.

Quilt block workshops will be held at the Salem Church fellowship hall beginning at 10 a.m. to noon. I look forward to an exciting New Year of learning with each of you. Invite a friend, bring a project to share and be ready to start work on our sample notebook. Bring some scrap fabric with you for samples. I will also try to provide items in case you forget. We will meet on January 29, 2013 and February 5, 21 and 28. For more information call the Morgan County Extension Service Office, 743-3292.

C-1-10-2t

## West Liberty Airport Board meeting Jan. 17

West Liberty Morgan County Airport Board meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 17, beginning at 7 p.m., upstairs in the conference room at West Liberty City Hall.

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## Foster parents needed

A new year brings with it the hope of new beginnings. Give a child in need a new beginning by becoming a foster parent with Benchmark Family Services. To learn more about giving a child a new beginning, please call (606) 783-0268 or go to [www.benchmarkfs.org](http://www.benchmarkfs.org).

C-1-10-3t

## 1st Annual Tommy Brooks Eastern Ky. Baseball Camp set

The First Annual Tommy Brooks Eastern Kentucky Baseball Camp has been set for Saturday, Feb. 2, from 1 to 4 p.m., at Stonepress Baseball Facility, in Prestonsburg. The camp will include instruction on pitching, hitting, fielding, and catching. For additional information or to pre-register contact Tommy Brooks, (859) 533-6420; Lex Stapleton, (606) 226-1437; or Kevin Brooks, 1094 Jones Creek Road, West Liberty.

Former Morgan Countian, son of the late Tommy and Lizzie Brooks, Tommy Jr. has been involved with baseball in Kentucky for over 35 years. He has had over 150 children play college baseball. Along with 50 who play professionally. Brooks also coached four first round draft pick.

Brooks' son, Eddie, will be on tap to help with this camp. Eddie also had a career at Lafayette High School and the University of Kentucky. He currently holds the college record for slugging percentage (.719) and on-base percentage (.489). He was also the Pittsburgh Pirates 5th round draft pick. Eddie is now the coach at Bryan Station home of Mr. Baseball 2012 Ryan Combs.

Also taking part in this camp will be David Rexroat and Jeff Parrett. Rexroat has been the head coach at RCHS for 11 years. He has won 10 district titles, 2 regional titles, 2 regional runner-ups, and 4 regional semifinals. He has had 24 kids play college baseball, including several All-American players.

Parrett had a standout career at Lafayette High as well as the University of Kentucky. He was drafted into Major League Baseball and pitched for several teams over a 10 year period.

## MCHS Baseball team's Cornhole Tourney set

MCHS Baseball team's annual cornhole tourney will be Saturday, Feb. 2, at Morgan County High School gymnasium. Signups begin at 11 a.m. with the tourney following at 12:00 pm. Prizes will be awarded for first and second place teams. For more information contact: Mark "Polo" Easterling, MCHS head baseball coach, 743-3205 (home), or 359-2168 (cell). All proceeds support MCHS Cougar baseball.

C-1-10-4t

## Morgan Central SBDM meeting slated Jan. 15

Morgan Central Elementary will have a SBDM meeting Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 3:30 p.m., in the conference room at the school.

## Extension Council to meet Thurs., Jan. 17

The Morgan County Extension Council will meet on Thursday, Jan. 17, beginning at noon at the Morgan County Extension Service office located in the old Rifle Coal Building at 1009 Hwy 172. All members of the council are urged to attend and visitors are welcome. For additional information contact the Morgan County Extension Service at 743-3292.

C-1-10-2t

## Extension staff to be in Wrigley this Friday

The Morgan County Extension Service staff and volunteers will be "taking the Extension Service on the Road" this Friday, Jan. 11, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The staff will answer questions that local clientele have about educational programs and information available to them offered through the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service. Plan to stop by and visit on the 11th in Wrigley. For additional information contact the office at 743-3292.

## "Healthy Habits" workshop Jan. 15

Morgan County Family Focus "Healthy Habits" workshop will be conducted Tuesday, Jan. 15, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at West Liberty Library. This is a fun-filled workshop to get your new year off to a great start. Be prepared to fill your belt with lots of tools for budgeting finances, eating healthier, and exercising regularly. Sponsored by Family Resource Centers, 21st Century, Ameri-Corps, Community Education, and Morgan County Library.

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## Caney Valley News

By Tracey Hatton

Jan 8 - Hello again from Caney Valley:

A public forum was held at Broadway Church of God on Saturday evening to discuss the upcoming special election regarding the wet/dry vote in the city limits of West Liberty.

It was an informative and positive meeting. There were people from the county as well as the city to voice their concerns and to keep West Liberty dry.

This special election will be held on Jan. 22, which is 12 days from this edition. It is so important that people get out and to vote and to vote NO to alcohol in the city limits.

Sharon Tharp, the UNITE coordinator, provided some material that I thought was very interesting. This is from the website of B.R.A.D. ([www.brad21.org/facts.html](http://www.brad21.org/facts.html)) I would like to share some of these alarming statistics.

• *Moderate use (2-3 drinks) can result in a loss of motor coordination for up to 12-18 hours after drinking.*

• *Alcohol does not relieve depression-it makes it worse.*

• *Alcohol goes directly to the bloodstream, which is why it affects every system in the body.*

• *The peak blood alcohol level occurs 60-90 minutes after ingestion when the stomach is empty.*

• *Most wine coolers have the same amount of alcohol as a 12 oz. beer.*

• *ONE THIRD OF ALL TWELTH GRADERS HAVE BEEN DRUNK IN THE LAST 30 DAYS.*

• *NEARLY FOUR OUT OF EVERY FIVE STUDENTS (77%) HAVE CONSUMED ALCOHOL BY THE END OF HIGH SCHOOL.*

• *About 1/2 (50%) of all FATAL traffic crashes among those aged 18 to 24 involve alcohol.*

• *ALCOHOL IS THE #1 MISUSED DRUG IN THE UNITED STATES.*

• *One half of car accidents are associated with alcohol misuse.*

Why would we want to add

## Spring registration service center set Jan. 14 at MSU

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Didn't get that spring schedule completed? Morehead State University will offer students that have not registered or completed a schedule for Spring 2013, a chance to do so.

MSU will host a Registration Service Center on Monday, Jan. 14, and Thursday, Jan. 17, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in 301 Adron Doran University Center.

The goal is to help address any obstacles that may have prevented students from registering.

If at all possible, MSU would like students to leave with a completed schedule in hand that day.

Representatives from the offices of financial aid, accounting and financial services and housing, along with a select number of academic advisors will be on hand to help students.

Additional information is available by contacting Lora Pace, director of first year programs, at 606-783-2517, or Dr. Emma Perkins, interim assistant vice president of University College, at 606-783-2284.

## Valentine's Day craft and story hour Feb. 13

Come join us for Valentines Day craft and story hour at Morgan County Public Library, on Wednesday, Feb. 13, from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

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## Broadway Firt Church of God

Revelation 19:7: "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready" Are you part of the church that is ready for the bridegroom to come?

Our message came from Ephesians 5:20-33 where Paul speaks of the relationship of husbands and wives. When God created man and woman and the covenant of marriage the husband is to be the head of the wife and to love her as Christ loved the church and the wives are to submit themselves to their husbands as unto the

to these statistics? It bothers me that as a county, let alone a city, that we would want to see alcohol brought in to a town that prides itself on being hometown proud, one that will rise from the ashes, one that will rise from the rubble.

We as Christians need to take a firm stand and vote NO on the alcohol vote. We need to encourage our fellow citizens to vote NO (whether they are a Christian or Not). We need to get back to the basics of life and read our Bible and see what the Lord says.

In 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name shall humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

As Christians, we are to follow the example of Christ. We are to have a Christ like nature. In 2 Corinthians, 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

This is the moment of salvation in one's life. We (as Christians) have an advocate in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. We also have the assurance of a Great God, as Bro. David Hinton referred to on Saturday evening. In Psalm 34:7, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them."

All of these strong, powerful and God-inspired verses are to give us knowledge and strength.

There will be a prayer vigil at the Index Community Church on Saturday morning at 9 a.m. for this measure to be voted down by the citizens of West Liberty. This is open to all that believe in the power of prayer. I encourage all people who can to attend. This is our county and we are to be pro-active, and need to be drug-free.

Remember, alcohol is a drug. God does not approve of the very appearances of evil. In 1st Thessalonians 5:15-23, Paul encourages the brethren in these verses. "See that none render evil for evil unto any man, but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men. Rejoice evermore.

## Twenty-Six

By Sherry Bailey

Jan. 8 — I'd like to extend my sympathy to all who have lost loved ones recently and get-well wishes to the sick.

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year and got to spend some quality time with the ones they love.

January 3rd was my baby girl's 39th birthday. Andrea was the result of my third pregnancy. After two miscarriages, I felt I was never going to be a mother. I'm so glad God blessed me with a healthy baby on my third try. Sometimes people give up trying, go on birth control pills and never give God a chance to bless them with a healthy baby. I'm glad I didn't give up.

Speaking of not giving up, Robyn and Billy Ferguson had a beautiful baby boy, Jaxon Leo Ferguson, on December 29th. It was their third pregnancy too. They kept on hoping and believing for a healthy baby and they got it. If there is somebody reading this who has had miscarriages, don't give up. Just keep praying and believing "... stand still and see the salvation of the Lord."

Andrea and her family spent New Year's with me. I got to spend a few hours of her birthday with her before they headed back to Shelby on January 3rd. We had a wonderful visit!

Lord. When two get married they take a vow to have and to hold from this day forward, to love and to cherish, for better or for worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, forsaking all others until death do you part. With the divorce rate at fifty percent many do not take these vows very serious. When they first marry it seems that they can live on love but as time passes if you don't work at you marriage it can fall apart. First they quit spending time together; that opens the door for someone else to come in the picture and before you know it adultery will take place.

Now Paul not only speaks of the natural part of life but also refers it to the spiritual as well. Verses 31-32 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Jesus spoke differ-

Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the Spirit. Despire not prophesying. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearances of evil."

Take time to absorb what this is saying. Then after you re-read this wouldn't you like to proclaim these verses, and allow them to burn in your heart? Your last day on earth may be today, what appearance would you want your life to be? Would you want to know Jesus Christ as your saviour or would you want to live in torment (hell); then the Lake of fire) the rest of your life. Each individual has a choice.

If things in this world are not good with God, then they should not be good with us. In Joshua 24:15, "And if it seems evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; Whether the gods which your father served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell; but as for me and my house, "We Will Serve The LORD."

This should be our battle cry, that we will serve the Lord: We are to be soldiers for the Lord. This is a battle. It is a battle of Good and Evil. If you are not for the Lord then you are for Satan. This may sound strong to some, but to the Christians we are to power up and we are to be strong in the Lord and in the sight of the Lord. WE WILL SERVE THE LORD!!

## Happy Birthdays

Stanley Benton, Barbara Cravens, Jon Lykins, Geneva Peyton Barker and Dylan Perry.

## Prayer Requests

Jimmy Reed, John Henson, Berchlene and Woodford Henry, Joyce Jones, Sandra Boatright, Cheryl Perry, Dorothy Flam, McKenna Tackett, Jim and Sharon Sparks, Bro. Tim and Sarilda Clark, Bill Gullett, H.C. Prater, Bro. George and Joretta Oney, Randy Adkins, Rayla Lindon, Owen Horner, Ryan Stacy, Mary Whitt and Kelley and Cindy Hammonds.

Remember to pray!!!

May God bless and keep you.

Thank you, Loretta Nickell and Liz Phipps for the homemade fudge, not that I needed it, but we sure enjoyed it. Also, thank you, Keith and Alice Bailey, for inviting us for Christmas dinner. We always enjoy the food and fellowship of family.

Happy birthday to my sister-in-law, Brenda Ruth, of Cape Girardeau, Mo., who will celebrate her birthday, January 10th.

If you have anything you want included in the Twenty-Six news, please phone me at 606-725-5200 or e-mail me at [sbailey@mrcc.com](mailto:sbailey@mrcc.com). If you e-mail me, write "Twenty-six" in the subject line.

I ran across a verse (not a Bible verse) written on a business card for Bailey's Furniture and GE Appliances in Salyersville, that I thought was worth repeating:

THANK GOD FOR TODAY

This is the beginning of a new day. I can waste it or use it for good.

What I do today is important, because I am exchanging a day of my life for it.

When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place something that I have traded for it.

I want it to be gain, not loss; good, not evil; success, not failure; in order that I shall not regret the price I paid for today.

Author Unknown

ent times in parables about marriage and spoke of the bride of Christ being the church. When we vow to become a christian it is a covenant just like marriage vows that we make with God. We are the bride that should be submitted to Christ. If we are not careful we can commit spiritual adultery. How committed are you to the Lord? Are you flirting with sin or are you faithful? Come worship with us, we preach about things like this.

For prayer requests or comments, contact us by email at [karleelam@hotmail.com](mailto:karleelam@hotmail.com) or phone 743-4736, we'll be glad to hear from you. Until next week, may the Lord bless you is our prayer.

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# COURIER SPORTS

## Ferguson leads Lady Cougars past Wolfe and Elliott teams

Junior guard nets 29 points against Lady Wolves

By David Patrick  
Morgan Co. 64  
Wolfe Co. 54

Cheyenna Ferguson was scored a game-high 29 points to lead three players in double-figures as the Lady Cougars beat Wolfe in the Prestonsburg Invitational Tournament.

Ferguson was on target from the outset, scoring 15 of Morgan's 22 first quarter points, including one of her two three-point baskets. Whitney Elam also tossed in a three-pointer as the Lady Cougars jumped out to an early 16-point lead.

Brittany Ross and Cassie Spencer managed to keep Wolfe close before the half, hitting a trio of three-point baskets to trim the margin to four.

But Ferguson answered with six points in the third and another seven over the final eight minutes. Morgan's 24 fourth quarter points was its biggest output of the game, with all but eight coming from the free-throw line.

Coach Jeff Brown's team knocked down 16-of-23 free-throws down the stretch to seal the win, with Amber Cole leading the way with a perfect six-of-six. Cole finished with 11 points, which included a basket each in the second and third periods.

Morgan Co. 60  
Elliott Co. 45

Amber Cole scored a game-high 18 points while Whitney Elam and Cheyenna Ferguson added 13 and 12 points, respectively, as the Lady Cougars protected the home court with a 15 point win at Veterans Memorial Gym.

Ferguson scored seven points in the first period to stake the Lady Cougars to a three-point advantage. Megan Gross tallied six in the second to maintain a 28-25 lead at the intermission.

But Coach Jeff Brown's team began to put some distance between itself and Elliott in the third. Coral Hillman knocked down a three ball while Jaycee Frederick, Amber Cole and Gross each scored a basket apiece. Morgan led 39-31 after three quarters.

The Lady Cougars lived at the free-throw line over the final eight minutes. Elam hit seven-of-eight free-throw attempts while Cole converted four-of-

six along with three field goals. Morgan outscored Elliott in the period, 21-14.

Gross finished with nine points for Morgan. Frederick and Hillman scored four and three points, respectively.

Menifee Co. 71  
Morgan Co. 41

Amber Cole and Whitney Elam scored a combined 35 points, but it was no match for Menifee's three players in double-figures as the Lady Wildcats rolled to a 30 point win.

Ashton Woodard had 20 for Menifee while Paige Warren and Corie Baldwin accounted for 16 and 14 points, respectively. The Lady Cats outscored Morgan 17- in the opening quarter and never let up en route to the victory.

Warren did most of her damage in the first half with four 3-point buckets, which helped Menifee to a 12-point halftime lead. Dotson knocked down a pair of three-pointers in the third to blow the game open. Menifee then closed the contest with a 19-11 run over the final eight minutes.

The Lady Wildcats managed to shut down Morgan's main offensive weapon, Cheyenna Ferguson, for much of the game. The Lady Cougar guard scored a lone basket in the third quarter and two free-throws to finish with four points.

Rowan Co. 57  
Morgan Co. 44

Cheyenna Ferguson and Whitney Elam were the game's two high scorers with 19 and 18 points, respectively, but Rowan still managed to get out of West Liberty with a 13-point win.

Morgan appeared to be in good shape, playing to a 14-all tie in the first quarter before trailing by only one at the break. Ferguson scored 10 of her points in the first half to easily lead all scorers.

But the Lady Vikings got a trio of timely three-pointers from Becca Duff in the third along with another triple from Taylor Conn. As a team, Rowan outscored the Lady Cougars 23-11 to grab a 13-point cushion.

Ferguson knocked down her lone three-pointer of the contest in the fourth, along with two other baskets. But Rowan countered with field goals from sisters Taylor and Faith Conn to seal the 57-44 win.

### East Valley Elem. Perfect Attendance

East Valley Elementary School has released the following perfect attendance list for the third and fourth month of school as follows.

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## Perry's big night leads in rout of Greenup County

By David Patrick

Jordan Perry continued to put up big offensive numbers on the road, scoring 26 points on 11-of-15 shooting as the Cougars hammered Greenup County, 76 - 57.

Perry knocked down the Cougars' first four baskets, including a three-pointer, to help his team to an early 10-7 lead. Another field goal from

Perry pushed the lead to six. Two minutes later, the Cougar guard hit a second 3-pointer to make it an 18-12 advantage. Aleksander Malinic and Ryan Adams scored a combined six points to close out the period as Morgan lead 25-15.

Alex Moore made his con-

tribution with a three-pointer to give Morgan its first double-figure lead (32-20). Samuel Aguirre and Perry followed with baskets for a 16-point lead at intermission.

The Cougars quickly blew the game open in the third, getting a basket from Perry for a 21-point advantage (47-26). The Cougars continued to pile on the points with a three-pointer from Kaden Ross to push the lead over 30. A Jarred

Burton basket made for a 63-33 lead heading to the fourth.

Greenup played catch up in the fourth as Matthew Perry cleared his bench. The Musketeers outscored Morgan 24-13 over the final eight minutes, but it mattered not in the final outcome.

Aguirre finished with 16 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists. Ross finished with 10 points, including a two 3-point baskets.

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